



Theater Bridge Area Cleanup Starts April 5



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If you head north on Airport Road in Smelterville, just before crossing the Theater Bridge over the Coeur d'Alene River, you'll find a parking area owned by the Idaho Transportation Department. It has become popular with swimmers and campers during the summer. With the increased recreational use, Panhandle Health District's Institutional Controls Program sampled the areas being used for recreation. Elevated levels of metals were found across the site. Those metals pose a risk to people's health.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's contractor McGillivray Environmental will remove about 2,300 cubic yards of contaminated material from this site. This material will be hauled to Page Repository for final disposal. The area will be capped with clean material. ITD will replace fencing that is in disrepair. During the project, there will be increased truck traffic in the area. Trucks are required to cover their loads. Project staff do not anticipate major impacts to local traffic. IDEQ and EPA have approved the project design, which is intended to reduce recreational exposures.

After the Theater Bridge project is completed, McGillivray Environmental will start another cleanup project near the Airport Riverwalk. This project is near the Theater Bridge area. Crews will use gravel to cap contaminated soils near the airport, creating a clean access and parking area. Both the Theater Bridge and Airport Riverwalk projects are expected to wrap up by April 22.

Work Schedule

Work starts **April 5**. Work hours are Monday-Thursday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Keep Clean, Eat Clean, Play Clean

While enjoying the beautiful local environment this spring and summer, it's important to know where to recreate safely. Pay attention to public health signs. For tips on limiting exposure to lead and other metals, see EPA's *Healthy Living in the Silver Valley and CDA Basin* brochure: <https://go.usa.gov/xHqXG>.



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